

## DOTS AND DASHES

### WIRE NEWS OF THE WEEK

#### Peace Notes.

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Gabriel Narutowicz, president of Poland, was assassinated the other morning, according to advices from Warsaw. Narutowicz was shot to death at the opening of an art exhibition. Three shots were fired, all entering the president's body. His assailant, an artist, was captured.

Germany has turned over 60 million marks, approximately 14½ million dollars, to the allied reparations commission, this sum being due December 15, said a Central News dispatch from Paris.

A final showdown, in which America's voice is bound to play an important part, is imminent in the long standing reparations controversy that has kept Europe constantly embroiled for four years. The exact part which the United States will play in the settlement is yet to be determined.

The major moves on the chess-board of European diplomacy at the moment all are directed at one thing—arriving at some formula that will restrain France from seizing the Ruhr as the penalty for Germany's non-payment of reparations.

Turkey accepts in principle the application, to the national minorities in her territory, of the clauses on this subject inserted in the Austrian, Bulgarian and other peace treaties. Ismet Pasha declared at the near East conference. She accepts also the granting of amnesty to the members of these minorities.

Premier Bonar Law, in an important statement in the house of commons, declared frankly for the policy of the Balfour note which advocated an adjustment of inter-allied debts by an all-round cancellation, England on her part surrendering her share of reparations to be paid by Germany.

Turkey's decision to drop from her counter-proposition concerning the straits regime the clause prohibiting foreign warships from lingering freely in the Black Sea was due chiefly to the advice of Ambassador Child, head of the American delegation.

#### Washington

Billions of dollars in gold, silver, currency and securities, stored by the government in the United States treasury, are in constant danger from fire and theft because of antiquated vaults. It was revealed recently by government officials.

Mahlon Pitney, associate justice of the United States supreme court, has sent his resignation to President Harding, to become effective January 1.

A bureau of wheat price insurance, to protect farmers from unreasonably low prices at the primary market, would be provided under a bill introduced recently by Representative Steenerson, Republican, of Minnesota.

The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,890,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced in its final crop report of the year. Their value is \$1,842,978,000 more than last year's crops.

The senate irrigation and reclamation committee has indorsed a bill extending for two more years the time of payment on Western reclamation projects. Congress passed a bill last summer extending the time limit a year.

The Harding administration will not respond at this time to the request of the house naval appropriations committee for another world naval conference to limit auxiliary craft, submarines and airplanes. To do so now would be futile, the leaders believe.

#### Domestic

Andrew Presswood, his wife, and their small child were injured seriously when a hot water boiler exploded at their home on the outskirts of Houston. It is feared Mrs. Presswood's injuries will prove fatal.

Denouncing reports he said had been circulated that the "farm bloc" had deserted Henry Ford in the Muscle Shoals fight, Representative Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, declared in the house that no man was able to deliver the vote of the farm bloc.

After three hours of frantic digging by miners at the Blue Bonnet zinc mine, near Miami, Ok., J. H. Jones, an engineer, was rescued alive after being underground three hours, under two tons of earth and ore.

Trapped in a cottage, three Massillon, O., men, one of them center of a political fight which has been raging there for several months, perished and four other, three of them attorneys in that city, were injured, one seriously, when the cottage in which the seven were sleeping was destroyed by fire.

Twenty-seven persons are missing and are believed to have drowned or died from exposure following the disaster which overtook the tug Reliance when it hit the rocks off Lizard Island in Lake Superior several days ago.

Captain Roald Amundsen, head of a polar expedition that left Seattle in June, has arrived at Nome by dog team from Wainwright, where he is wintering with the plane in which he hopes in the spring to fly over the north pole.

Thousands of persons representing virtually every walk in life paid homage at the bier of John Wanamaker, whose body lay in state from 9 o'clock until noon in Bethany Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, where the famous merchant had worshipped since boyhood.

Ten persons were reported hurt, one seriously, when the "Red Train" of the Chicago & Alton was derailed near the plant of the Illinois Glass company at Alton, Ill. The injured were taken to St. Joseph hospital there.

A plea for a wage increase of 15 cents an hour for the 2,500 drivers, teamsters and chauffeurs employed by the American Railway Express Company will be heard by the railway labor board January 12, it was announced in Chicago.

#### Southwest

S. Morton Rutherford, state senator of Muskogee, veteran in Oklahoma politics, was killed on a downtown street there when he stepped in front of a motor car driven by Roy Harris, an attorney. Senator Rutherford was returning home on foot from a dinner of the county bar association, which Harris also attended.

Handcuffed and on the way to serve a life term in the state penitentiary at McAlester for the murder of his wife, Sih Higgins, negro, leaped head first through the window of a moving train near Oklahoma City and escaped.

The body of Mrs. A. M. Chastaine, wife of A. M. Chastaine, a farmer living a mile east of Madill, Ok., was found in the flames of her burning home. Chastaine expressed the belief that his wife was murdered for her diamonds and the money kept in the farm home.

Leon Briggs, charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death of J. W. Floyd, federal prohibition officer, was found guilty at Houston, Tex., of manslaughter and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

County Attorney W. F. Seaver, who came into prominence recently when he declared that "the people of Tulsa and Tulsa County, Okla., do not want prohibition and that he was not going to enforce it," has been suspended from office by District Judge Albert C. Hunt.

The Humble wreck claimed its eighteenth victim with the death at in a hospital at Houston of a negro, scalded when a Southern Pacific train sideswiped a switch engine.

Fifteen persons are believed to have been killed and two score injured, many probably fatally, when passenger train No. 28, on the H. E. & W. T. railway, sideswiped a switch engine in front of the depot at Humble, Tex.

#### Foreign

Miss Katherine W. Bourne of Taboro, N. C., a missionary teacher at St. John's school, San Juan, Porto Rico, was killed by a shark while bathing on the beach at Borlینگ Park, near San Juan, December 14, according to a cable message.

Turkey primarily demands absolute integrity of territory where the Turks are in overwhelming majority, and on this question will make no sacrifices. Such was Ismet Pasha's declaration in an address before the Swiss Society of the Friends of Turkey.

Premier Poincare triumphed over his opponents in the French chamber of deputies when his explanation of France's stand with regard to reparations won an overwhelming vote of confidence. The vote was 512 to 76.

Mrs. Margaret Harrison of Baltimore, American newspaper writer, who was arrested at Tchita, Siberia, has been taken to Moscow, said a Moscow dispatch the other day. The charges against her were not revealed.

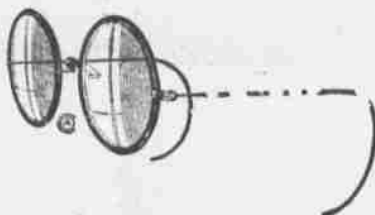
#### Red Cross Roll Call

The Red Cross Roll Call for Laclede and vicinity has netted the following memberships so far:

Miss Gladys Power, Ray Turner, H. J. Benjamin, C. B. Talbott, J. E. Hanavan, Mrs. B. F. Fritzpatrick, Mrs. C. W. Simmons, A. E. Glover, Ray Warfield, N. Matson, Mrs. B. A. Deininger, Roy Parker, Mrs. Emma David, C. B. Shell, G. O. Plowman, Mary A. Troyer, A. E. Johnston, Dora Goins, J. L. Welsh, Beulah Benjamin, Mrs. H. W. Robbins, Ella Plowman, W. M. Lomax, F. W. Burke, Floyd Welsh, C. M. Burnett, Edith Mahurin, Ellen Watson, Josephine Welsh, Byrdie Peach-er, Mrs. C. E. Spokesfield, Mrs. A. C. Windle, E. B. Allen, Mrs. R. T. Patterson, Max Jones, Loreta F. Jones, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. M. F. Clay, Miss Merle Myer, Minnie Tripper, Arville Garside, A. P. Higgins, H. C. Carothers, Hazel Wilson, Mable Wilson, Orville Mahurin, D. R. Rowland, Mrs. J. L. Wade, A. D. Jacobs, Mrs. E. E. Gould, H. W. Lomax, Lola Lomax, Ella Ong, Henry Kraft, Mrs. Henry Kraft, H. G. Standly, Carl Mathiasch, Ella B. Standly, C. A. Felt, C. E. Norris, Earl Warfield, T. G. Line, Mrs. A. J. Baum, Letha Anderson, Mary Brewer, Wm. Kraft, Mrs. Wm. Wade, Mrs. John Disney, Mrs. L. F. Moore, Mrs. Nannie Thompson, Hazel Slusher, A. J. Caywood, Mrs. C. C. Bigger, J. T. Hamilton, Edith Hamilton, Mrs. T. T. Lamme, Mrs. Roy Rowland.

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